Increase in the number of passengers in Summer Season

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SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of train passengers in the country increases with the onset of summer season;

(b) if so, whether Government have estimated the likely increase in the number of such passengers during the forth-coming summer season; and

(c) if so, what is the estimated number of passengers likely to be added and out of that, the estimated percentage of number of passengers likely to travel to and from Northern, Eastern, Southern and Western directions, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) Yes sir.

(b) and (c) During the peak summer months the passenger traffic increases by nearly 22% as compared to the lean months. This trend may continue in the forthcoming summer season also. In this connection, Railways have brought out for the first time an All-India Summer Special Time Table for the benefit of the passengers. Direction wise data is, however, difficult to maintain, as it depends on the passengers' demand.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Revision of rates of fertilizers

894. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had revised the rates of urea and other fertilizers in the country in 1997—1999; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to make urea and other

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.